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H.B. No. 1971

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a pilot program conducted by the Department of Aging and  
3 Disability Services to authorize certain accreditation surveys of  
4 assisted living facilities.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 247, Health and Safety  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 247.033 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 247.033. ACCREDITATION SURVEY PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The  
9 department shall develop and implement a pilot program to authorize  
10 the use of an accreditation survey that complies with Section  
11 247.032(b) to fulfill the requirements for a life and safety code  
12 survey or inspection or another survey or inspection required by  
13 this subchapter. The department shall implement the pilot program  
14 with the goal that not later than August 31, 2014, at least one  
15 assisted living facility will have used an accreditation survey for  
16 the purposes of this section.

17 (b) This section expires September 1, 2015.

18 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
19 of this Act, the Department of Aging and Disability Services shall  
20 implement the pilot program described by Section 247.033, Health  
21 and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.